

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/13/07 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vincent K. Shier on February 11, 2008.

3. Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 5, after the words "to obtain a measurement solution," delete "with" and insert --wherein--.

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In claim 1, line 7, after the words “acid or of fluoride,”, delete “with” and insert --and wherein--.

In claim 1, lines 16, after the words “independently selected from C₁ to C₆ alkyls and R⁴ is”, replace the word “said” with the word --an--.

4. Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, after the words “method as claimed in”, replace the word “claim 2” with the word --claim 1--.

5. Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, line 5, after the words “directed against the”, delete the words “unsilylated or”.

In claim 7, line 5, after the words “desilylated organic compound or”, delete the word “against”.

Conclusion

6. Claims 1, 3-13 and 14, now renumbered as 1-13, are allowed.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shafiqul Haq whose telephone number is 571-272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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